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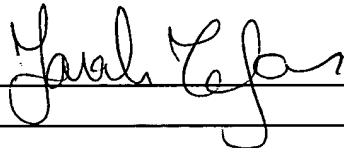
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Serial No.: 10/714,686
For: DRAW TAPE WHICH IS USABLE IN A DRAW TAPE BAG
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on September 30, 2004 in connection with the above-identified Application.

The Office Action imposed a restriction by requiring that Applicants elect one of Groups I through VI under 35 U.S.C. 121. For example, Group I was

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deemed to include claims 1-6 due to being drawn to a method for making a draw tape, and Group III was deemed to include claims 13-18 due to being drawn to a system for making a draw tape (see paragraph 1 on page 2 of the Office Action).

Applicants wish to respectfully point out that the Office Action has imposed a restriction which addresses claims 1-24. However, only claims 1-6 (Group I) and claims 13-18 (Group III) are presently pending, with claims 1 and 13 being independent claims. The other claims were canceled during Applicants submission on November 17, 2003 (see Applicants earlier-sent transmittal letter) and is further evidenced by the filing receipt which indicates that the Application includes only 12 total claims and 2 independent claims.

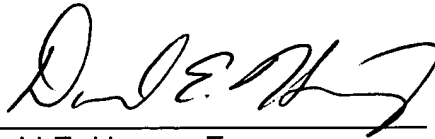
In any case, Applicants elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-6. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue claims of at least the scope of the non-elected claims (i.e., claims 13-18) in one or more related Applications.

An early and favorable communication is hereby earnestly requested. If the Examiner believes, after this Response, that the Application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants Representative collect at (508) 366-9600, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this Response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0901.

Respectfully submitted,

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